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A Birthday Surprise for Bird

by Susan Bauer

illustrated by Andre Letria





Saturday is a big day for Bird. It is her birthday.

“Turtle, we can surprise Bird,” says Duck.

“Bird likes warm, furry things,” says Turtle. “We can make Bird a furry hat.”

“Bird will like a furry hat,” says Duck.

“Bird will not like this furry hat,” says Turtle. “This hat will not fit Bird.”

“Bird likes purple,” says Duck. “We can make Bird a purple shirt and skirt.”

“Bird will like a purple shirt and skirt,” says Turtle.





“Bird will not like this purple shirt and skirt,” says Duck. “This shirt and skirt will not fit Bird.”

“Bird has a sturdy bird home that fits her just right,” says Turtle. “We can paint it purple!”

“Bird will like a purple bird home,” says Duck.

First, Turtle and Duck get purple paint.

“I will hurry and stir the paint,” says Duck.

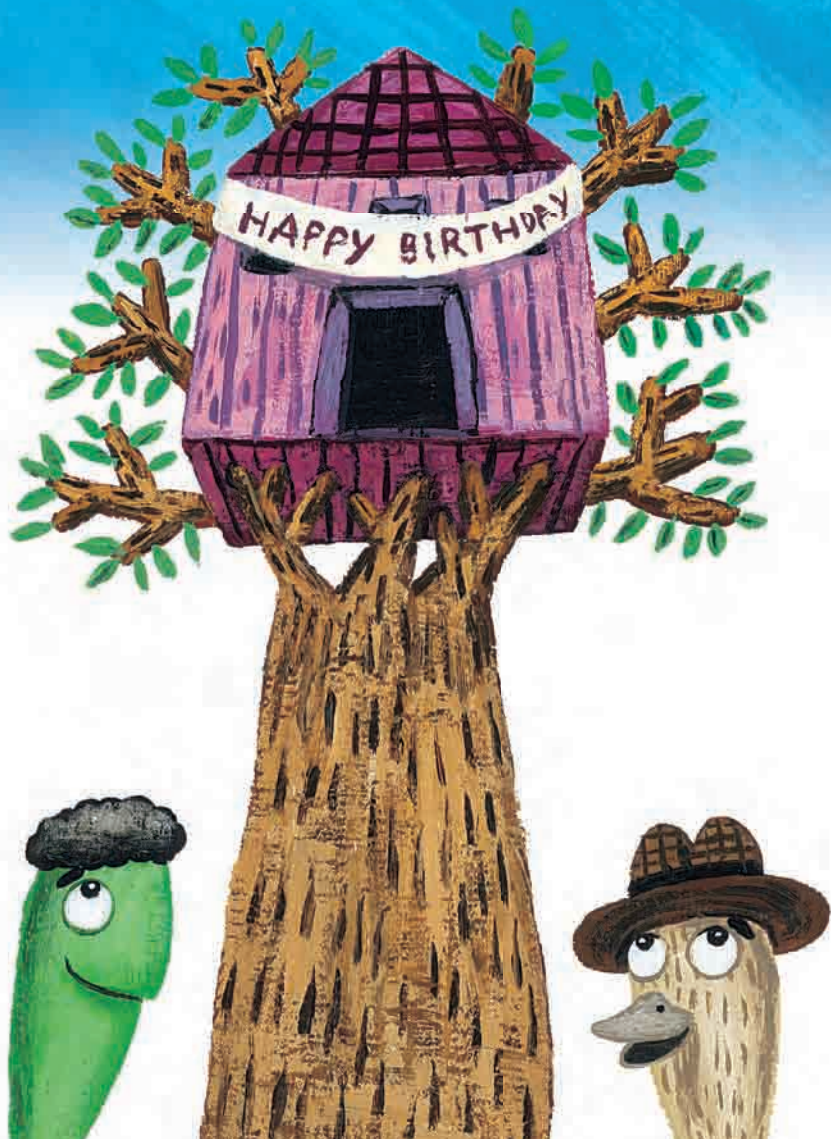
“I will hurry and paint the bird home,” says Turtle.



At last, the purple bird home is finished.

"We did it, Turtle," says Duck.

"Bird will like this purple bird home,"
says Turtle.

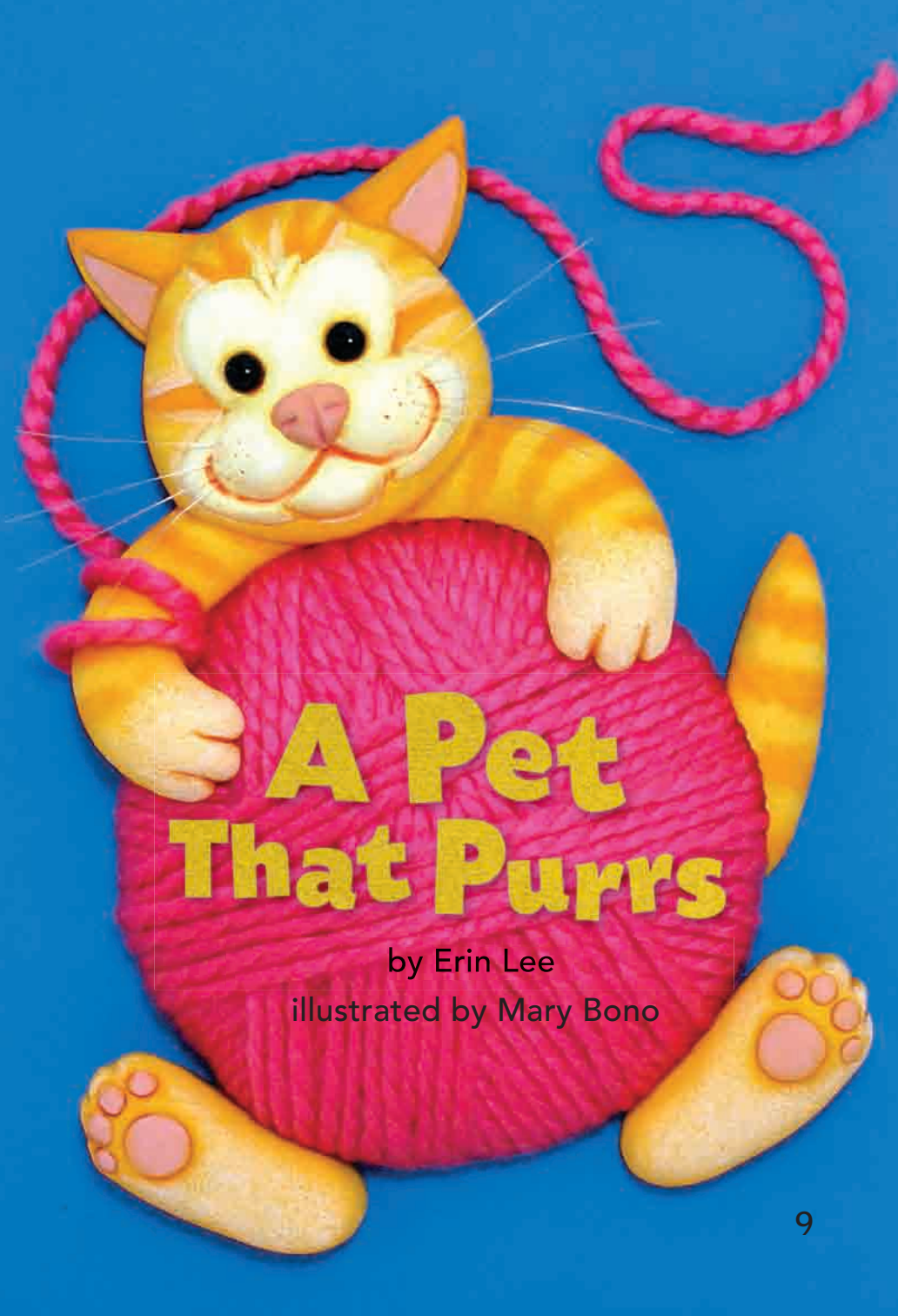




“Happy Birthday, Bird!” Turtle and Duck say. “Look at this gift we made for your birthday. Do you like your purple bird home?”

“Purple is my favorite color,” says Bird. “I like my purple bird home a lot.”



A cartoon illustration of a friendly-looking orange and white cat with large black eyes and a pink nose. The cat is sitting on a large, textured ball of pink yarn. A pink rope is looped around the cat's neck and extends upwards. The cat's paws are visible at the bottom, showing pink pads. The background is a solid blue color.

A Pet That Purrs

by Erin Lee
illustrated by Mary Bono



Kirk just got a new pet. It has soft fur.
It purrs when it is happy. What kind of
pet do you think Kirk got?

If you think that Kirk got a cat, you are right. The cat is a girl. Kirk names it Sunburst because it is bright yellow like the sun. Now he will start to find out a lot about cats.





Kirk will find out how to feed Sunburst. He will put milk in a dish that Sunburst can slurp.

Kirk will find out that Sunburst likes to sleep in odd places. Sunburst likes to curl up and take little naps. She likes to sleep in places where no one will disturb her, like a pile of shirts.



Kirk will find out that Sunburst likes to lick her fur. Sunburst likes to keep her fur clean. When she licks her fur, Sunburst gets dirt out of it.

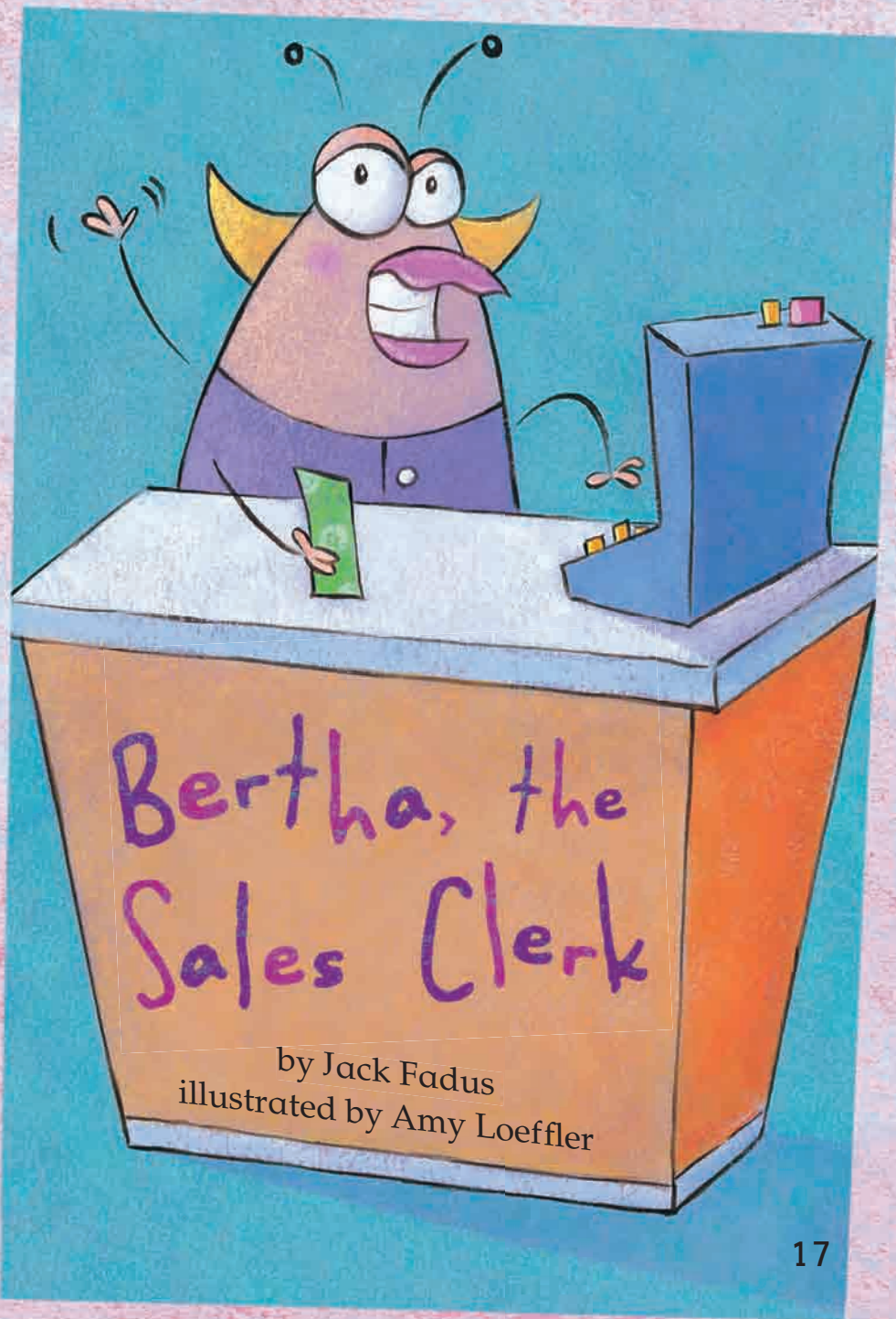




Kirk will find out that Sunburst likes to climb the birch tree in his backyard. Sunburst likes to chase birds. Kirk will need to check that Sunburst will not get hurt.



Kirk will find out that Sunburst likes to curl up in his lap and be petted. She will purr when Kirk strokes her fur.

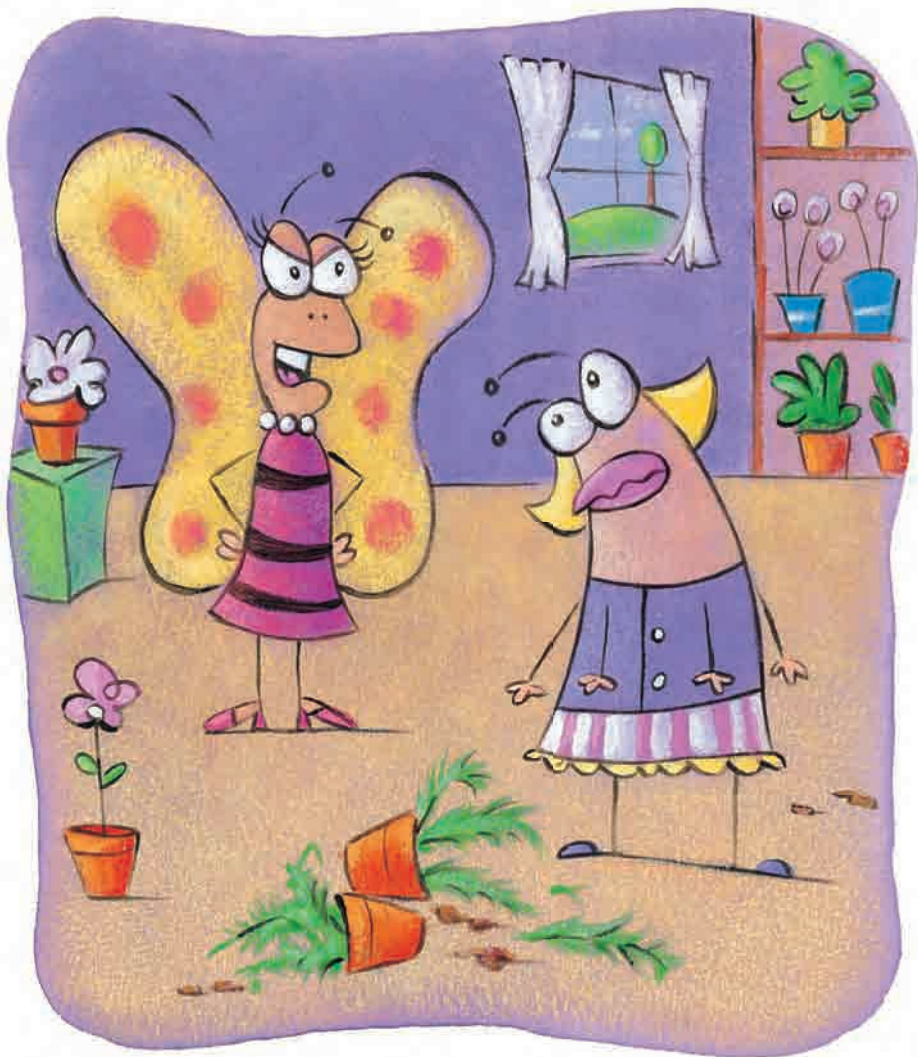




Bertha is a termite. She is searching for a job as a sales clerk. Bertha needs to earn cash. She has to fix up her home in the earth.

Bertha goes to the garden shop.
Her job is selling plants, but Bertha
is not good at it. She drops the ferns.





Her boss tells her, "Bertha, you have lots to learn. I heard about a job at the pet shop. Perhaps you can get a job there."

Bertha goes to the pet shop. Her job is selling pets, but Bertha feels bad for the pets. She lets gerbils out of cages. She lets birds off perches. She lets hermit crabs dash off.





Her boss is stern. "Bertha, you must go. Go to the sherbet shop and get a job there."

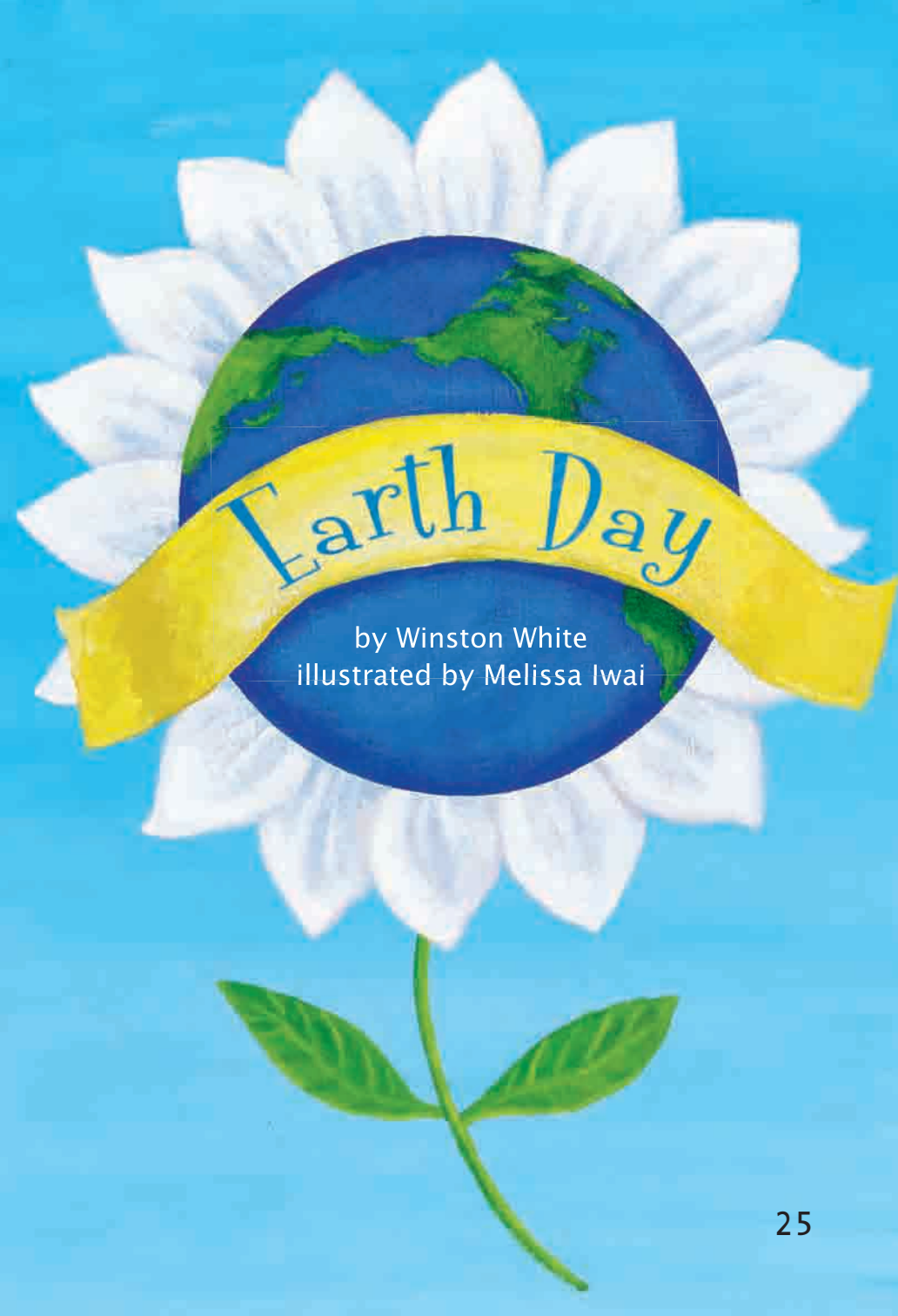
Bertha goes to the sherbet shop. Her job is serving sherbet, but Bertha is so slow that the sherbet melts as she serves it.

Her boss tells her, "Bertha, that is bad service. There is a person needing help at the lumber shop. Try to find a job there."



Bertha has learned a lot. She goes to the lumber shop. Her job is selling lumber, and she does not eat it! Bertha has found the perfect job for her.



The illustration features a large white flower with many petals, set against a solid blue background. In the center of the flower is a globe of the Earth, showing green continents and blue oceans. A yellow ribbon banner is draped across the globe. The title 'Earth Day' is written in a blue, cursive-style font on the banner. Below the title, the author and illustrator names are printed in a simple black font. The flower has a green stem and two green leaves at the bottom.

Earth Day

by Winston White
illustrated by Melissa Iwai

Clerks and merchants tack up posters that say “Earth Day.” Sherm has heard about Earth Day, but he does not know what it is.



Sherm wants to learn about Earth Day. Sherm asks Pearl about it. Perhaps she will know.



Pearl tells Sherm, “Earth Day is a special day. It is a day to help save the earth. You do not need a permit to help on Earth Day. Here is what we can do.”





Pearl goes on, “We can gather trash. We can learn how to put it in the right bins and bags. People will make new paper, glass, and cans from the trash we gather.”



Pearl tells Sherm, “We can plant gardens and trees. We can plant ferns and other plants. We can make shelters for animals and perches for birds.”

Pearl goes on, “We can learn to save water. We can learn to turn off lights and turn down heat. This helps the earth.”



Pearl ends her speech. “Sherm, Earth Day is the perfect time to help the earth. We can pitch in, too.”

Sherm speaks up. “Now that I learned about Earth Day, I will pitch in one hundred percent, Pearl. That way we can help keep the earth a perfect place to live.”



A Birthday Surprise for Bird

Word Count: 223

High-Frequency Words

color
do
favorite
for
her
look
my
says
warm
you
your

Decodable Words*

a	last
and	like
at	likes
big	lot
Bird	made
birthday	make
can	not
day	paint
did	purple
Duck	right
finished	Saturday
first	say
fit	shirt
fits	skirt
furry	stir
get	sturdy
gift	surprise
happy	that
has	the
hat	things
home	this
hurry	Turtle
I	we
is	will
it	
just	

**Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

A Pet That Purrs

Word Count: 209

High-Frequency Words

about
are
because
climb
do
her
how
new
now
of
one
out
put
to
what
where
you

Decodable Words*

a	he
and	his
backyard	hurt
be	if
birch	in
birds	is
bright	it
can	just
cat	keep
cats	kind
chase	Kirk
check	lap
clean	lick
curl	licks
dirt	like
dish	likes
disturb	little
feed	lot
find	milk
fur	names
gets	naps
girl	need
got	no
happy	not
has	odd

**Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

(continued)

Decodable Words*

pet

petted

pile

places

purr

purrs

right

she

shirts

sleep

slurp

soft

start

strokes

sun

Sunburst

take

that

the

think

tree

up

when

will

yellow

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Bertha, the Sales Clerk

Word Count: 213

High-Frequency Words

about
does
for
found
good
have
of
out
there
to
try
you

Decodable Words*

a	get
and	go
as	goes
at	has
bad	heard
Bertha	help
birds	her
boss	hermit
but	home
cages	I
can	in
cash	is
clerk	it
crabs	job
dash	learn
drops	learned
earn	lets
earth	lot
eat	lots
feels	lumber
ferns	melts
find	must
fix	needing
garden	needs
gerbils	not

**Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

(continued)

Decodable Words*

off

perches

perfect

perhaps

person

pet

pets

plants

sales

searching

selling

serves

service

serving

she

sherbet

shop

slow

so

stern

tells

termite

that

the

up

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Earth Day

Word Count: 219

High-Frequency Words

about
animals
do
does
down
for
from
here
how
know
live
new
now
one
other
people
put
special
to
too
wants
water
what
you

Decodable Words*

a	hundred
and	I
asks	in
bags	is
bins	it
birds	keep
but	learn
can	learned
cans	lights
clerks	make
day	merchants
earth	need
ends	not
ferns	off
gardens	on
gather	paper
glass	Pearl
goes	percent
has	perches
he	perfect
heard	perhaps
heat	permit
help	pitch
helps	place
her	plant

**Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

(continued)

Decodable Words*

plants

posters

right

save

say

she

shelters

Sherm

speaks

speech

tack

tells

that

the

this

time

trash

trees

turn

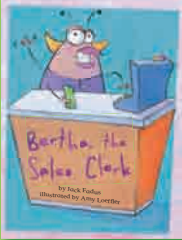
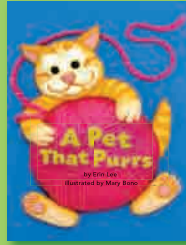
up

way

we

will

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